



Tennessee Crop Weather

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RAIN SOAKED AREAS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MOISTURE ACROSS THE STATE, CONSIDERABLY SLOWING FIELD ACTIVITIES

In West Tennessee, wet weather afforded producers a very small window of opportunity to plant corn, cotton, and soybeans or apply herbicide burndowns, among other planned field activities. Agricultural producers anticipate applications of wheat fungicides as the crop continues development into the heading stage. Middle Tennessee producer's field activities were minimal due to already wet conditions, compounded by additional rainfall and cold weather. Some upland corn was planted and ryegrass haylage harvested. Pastures and hayfields were fertilized and sprayed when and wherever possible. Pastures improved and cattle were in good condition. Rains and cold weather continued in East Tennessee as well, slowing field activities and crop development. Greenhouse tomatoes were growing well and starting to ripen. Less than 5 percent of the tomato crop is being affected by leaf mold and timber rot disease challenges. There were 3.5 days suitable for field work. Surplus soil moisture conditions continue to rise. Subsoil moisture was rated 56 percent adequate and 44 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture was, identically rated 56 percent adequate and 44 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Apples – Full Bloom	84	69	82	84	Pasture	0	8	27	51	14
Corn – Planted	35	23	36	42	Strawberries	0	5	33	48	14
Corn – Emerged	13	3	16	15	Winter Wheat	1	2	35	48	14
Cotton - Planted	2	N/A	1	2	Apples	1	8	32	56	3
Soybeans – Planted	8	2	2	3						
Winter Wheat – Jointing	95	87	92	90						
Winter Wheat – Headed	58	26	36	36						